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AMENDMENT

Dear Sir:

This is in response to the Examiner's Action dated June 5, 2002 setting a three-month shortened statutory period for response, and the Notice dated September 5, 2002 setting an additional one-month period for response. This response is being filed on August 14, 2002, within the additional shorted statutory period.

Please amend the above-reference application without prejudice as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please insert the following paragraph at page 1, line 5:

A1
--Cross-Reference to Related Application. This application claims the benefit of U.S.

Provisional Patent Application 60/228,726, filed August 27, 2000. --

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 4, line 31, with the following rewritten paragraph: